

# THURSTON COUNTY 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – DECEMBER 2, 2020



**THURSTON**



**2040**

**Public Hearing Follow Up & Next Steps**

# OVERVIEW

## 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update (continuing items)

- Overview of Public Comment
- Summary of Options
- Next Steps

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# GOAL OF TODAY'S BRIEFING

**Direct staff which options to include in the final Comprehensive Plan and resolution.**

*Decision requested no later than 12/9*

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# PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 132 written comments & 11 oral comments were received for the public hearing.
- Of the written comments:
  - 2 written comments on Chapter 11 – Health and Human Services
    - Both support amendments to Chapter 11, and the inclusion of info Thurston Thrives
    - One comment includes recommended changes:
      - Update 2020 critical issues & the “5 key facts” to include a new information on health equity
      - Update “access to health” section to include paragraph on systemic racism and impacts to access
      - Health Data to reference 2020 Racial Equity Assessment
      - Update wording of and include new policies related to systemic racism, racial equality, and reference BIPOC (black, indigenous, people of color)

# PUBLIC COMMENTS, CONTD

## Mineral Lands Amendments (130 written comments received)

Theme	# of comments	Percentage of comments on MRL
Option A-1, do not co-designate mineral lands and agriculture	124/ 130	95%
Option A-2, Co-designate mineral lands and agriculture	4 / 130	3%
Option C-1, maintain 1,000 foot resource use notice for plats	12 / 130	9%
Option C-2, reduce resource use notice for plats to 500 feet	1 / 130	<1%
Option D-1, <u>modified</u> to allow expansion when around a donated park or into 1,000 feet from UGA	115/ 130	88%
Option D-3, expansion allowed onto undesignated, and new allowed within 1,000 feet of donated parks or up to existing barrier	5 / 130	4%
Option E-1, <u>modified</u> to require at least 25% be mapped to apply for permit	115/ 130	88%
Option E-2, if any amount is designated, whole parcel can apply	5 / 130	4%
Only designated areas should be mineable	2 / 130	2%
Maintain 1,000 foot separation distance from parks/UGAs in Chapter 3	116/ 130	89%

- Prior to the Board Public Hearing
  - 312 comments: 11 on parks, 1 on forestry, remaining 300 on mineral lands

## OPTIONS MOVING FORWARD (NEXT STEPS/TIMEFRAME)

- **Option 1:** Direct staff to move forward all proposed amendments for final adoption, and direct which mineral lands and forestry options (A, C, D, E, F) to include.
  - Adoption would be scheduled for December 15, 2020.
- **Option 2:** Direct staff to move all but the mineral lands amendments for adoption, and direct with forestry option (F) to include.
  - Adoption would be scheduled for December 15, 2020.
  - For mineral lands, direct staff to develop other options, hold additional stakeholder meetings, or otherwise.
- **Option 3:** Direct staff to delay entire 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update (all elements: mineral lands, forestry, parks, and health) to 2021.

# SUMMARY OF ALL DECISION POINTS AND OPTIONS

MINERAL LANDS OPTIONS				FORESTRY OPTION
Decision A - Designation Criteria Amendment	Decision C - Resource Use Notice	Decision D - Expansion Policies	Decision E - Designation at the Site Level	Decision F – Long Term Forestry Amendments
<b>A-1</b> Maintain current criteria	<b>C-1 (PC Recommendation)</b> Maintain current language of 1,000-feet for plats	<b>D-1</b> Allow expansion only onto designated MRL	<b>E-1</b> Double-threshold designation, allowing into the 1,000 feet from UGAs and parks	<b>F-1</b> No change to land use or zoning, keep all 7 parcels (+/- 173 acres) in the Long-Term Forestry designation
<b>A-2 (PC Recommendation)</b> Change criteria to co-designate w/ ag lands	<b>C-2</b> Reduce language for plats to 500 feet	<b>D-2</b> Allow expansion of existing mines onto undesignated MRL, including areas in the 1,000-foot separation distance from UGA and Parks.	<b>E-2 (PC Recommendation)</b> If any portion is designated, the whole parcel is considered "designated" for permitting purposes	<b>F-2 (PC Recommendation)</b> Remove any or all parcels from Long Term Forestry designation, and amend land use and zoning to Rural Residential Resource 1/5 (RRR 1/5)
		<b>D-3 (PC Recommendation)</b> Stakeholder developed hybrid option (allow for expansion/new into 1,000 feet in specific scenarios)	<b>E-3</b> The entire parcel must be mapped to be permitted	

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Decision A - Designation Criteria Amendment	Considerations	Written Comments
<b>A-1</b> Maintain current criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current designation criteria</li> <li>• Does not co-designate (~2,119 acres) of agricultural lands</li> <li>• May limit flexibility of farmers impacted by not co-designating</li> </ul>	124/130 (95%)
<b>A-2 (PC Recommendation)</b> Change criteria to co-designate w/ ag lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistent with GMA guidance that overlapping resource designations should not necessarily be considered inconsistent WAC 360-190-040(7)(b)</li> <li>• Co-designates roughly ~2,119 acres of LTA/MRL</li> <li>• Stakeholder-developed language included in the draft that may mitigate some of the public's concerns about co-designation and impacts to Long-Term Agriculture base.</li> </ul>	4/130 (3%)



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Map N-2  
Designated Mineral Resource Lands

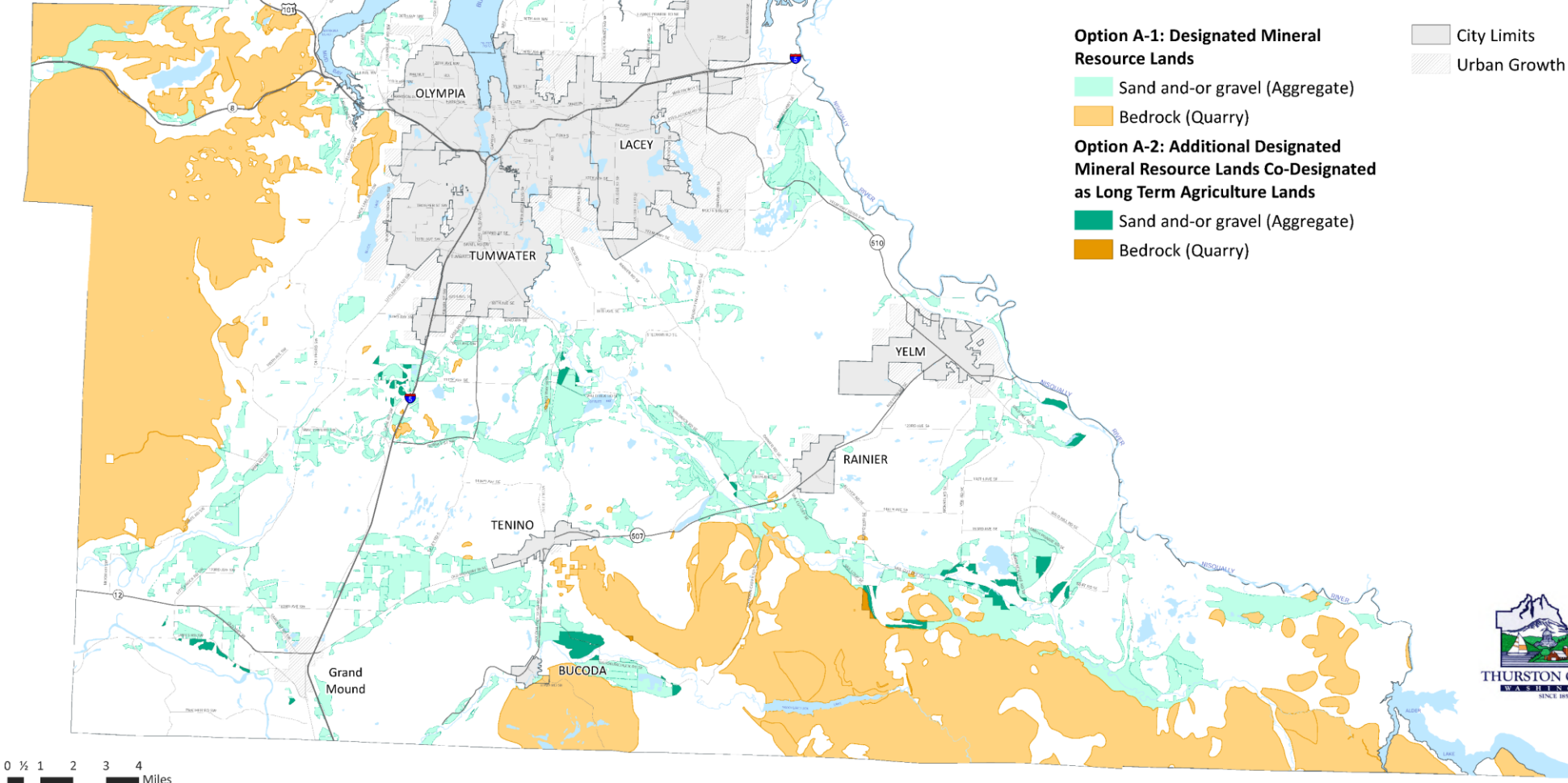
**Option A-1: Designated Mineral Resource Lands**

- Sand and-or gravel (Aggregate)
- Bedrock (Quarry)

**Option A-2: Additional Designated Mineral Resource Lands Co-Designated as Long Term Agriculture Lands**

- Sand and-or gravel (Aggregate)
- Bedrock (Quarry)

- City Limits
- Urban Growth Areas



# SUMMARY OF DECISION POINTS AND OPTIONS

Decision C - Resource Use Notice	Considerations	Written Comments
<b>C-1 (PC Recommendation)</b> Maintain current language of 1,000-feet for plats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintains the current code language</li> <li>• Consistent with RCW 36.70A.060(b)</li> <li>• Greater notification proximity</li> <li>• In 2003, the Board amended this code to increase plat notice from 500 feet to 1,000 feet</li> </ul>	12/130 (9%)
<b>C-2</b> Reduce language for plats to 500 feet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lowers notification to 500 feet</li> <li>• Consistent with RCW 36.70A.060(b) – the minimum distance is 500 feet</li> <li>• Option was recommended as a possible alternative by stakeholder group</li> <li>• Consistent with all other resource use notices in code</li> </ul>	1/130 (<1%)

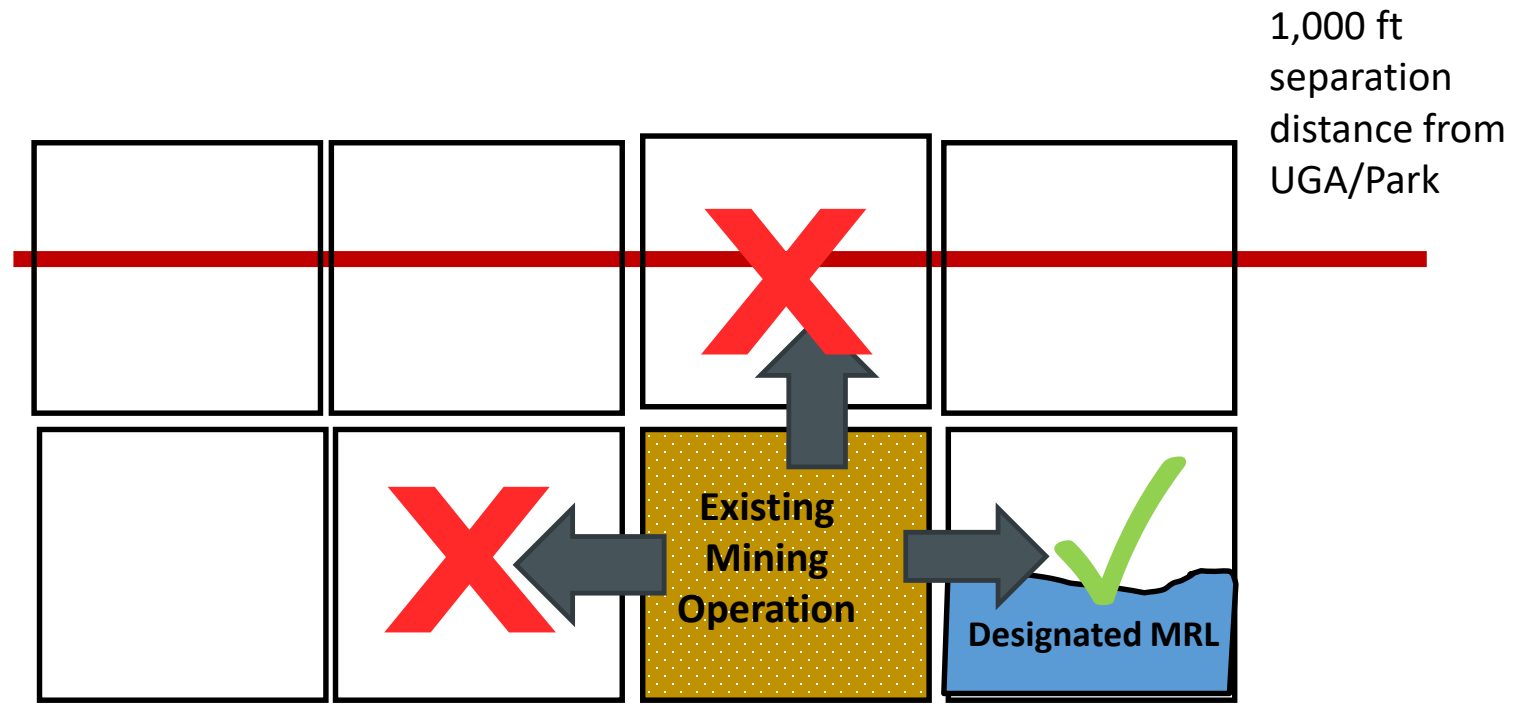
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Decision D - Expansion Policies	Considerations			Written Comments
	Difference in Options	Ease of Implementation	Flexibility to Industry	
<b>D-1</b> Allow expansion only onto designated MRL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows mining to apply <u>only</u> on designated MRL</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easiest to implement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Least flexibility</li> </ul>	115/130 - <u>modified</u> (88%)
<b>D-2</b> Allow expansion of existing mines onto undesignated MRL, including areas in the 1,000-foot separation distance from UGA and Parks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows expansion of existing operations onto undesignated lands (including 1,000 feet)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some flexibility</li> </ul>	0
<b>D-3 (PC Recommendation)</b> Stakeholder developed hybrid option (allow for expansion/new into 1,000 feet in specific scenarios)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows expansion (and new) onto undesignated lands in specific cases               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Barriers and parks (new and exp.)</li> <li>Donated parks (new and exp.)</li> <li>Mines expanding out of UGA into 1,000 feet (exp. only)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Challenging</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most flexibility</li> </ul>	5/130 (4%)

# EXPANSION POLICIES

## Option D-I:

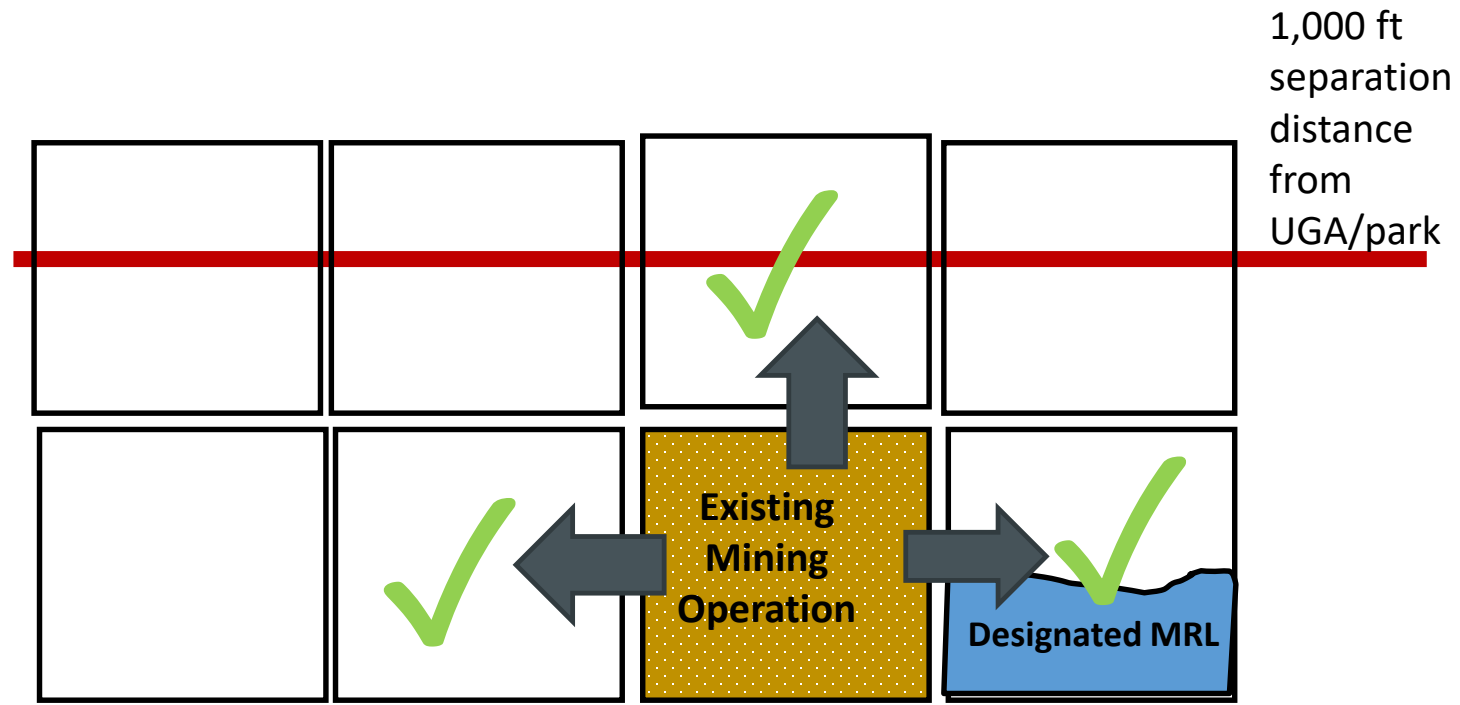
Only allows expansion on designated parcels



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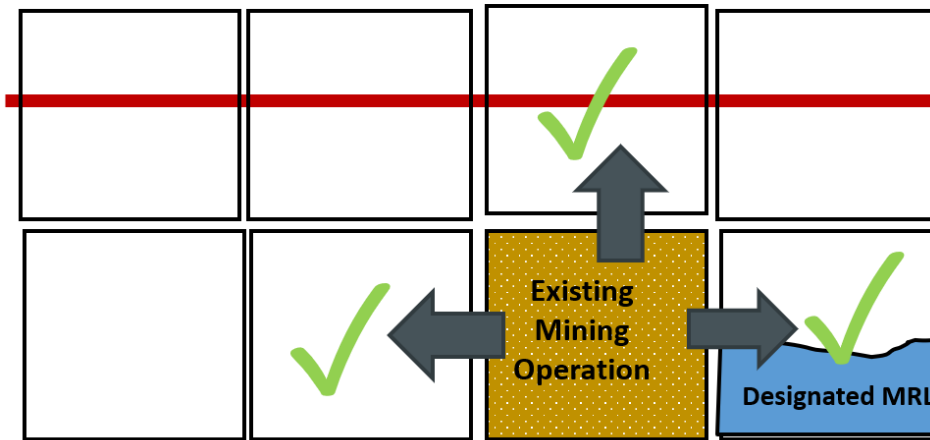
## Option D-2:

Allows expansion, including within 1,000 feet



# EXPANSION POLICIES

## Expansion



### Option D-3:

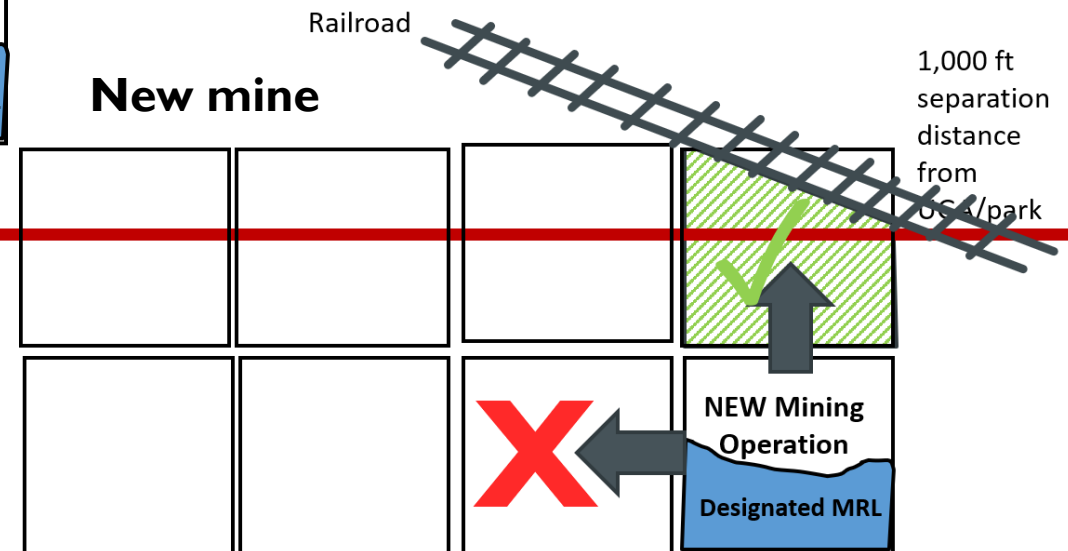
Allows expansion onto undesignated, including within 1,000 feet (same as D2)

AND

allows new mines on undesignated lands within 1000ft from park if a barrier exists or a park was donated

1,000 ft  
separation  
distance  
from  
UGA/park

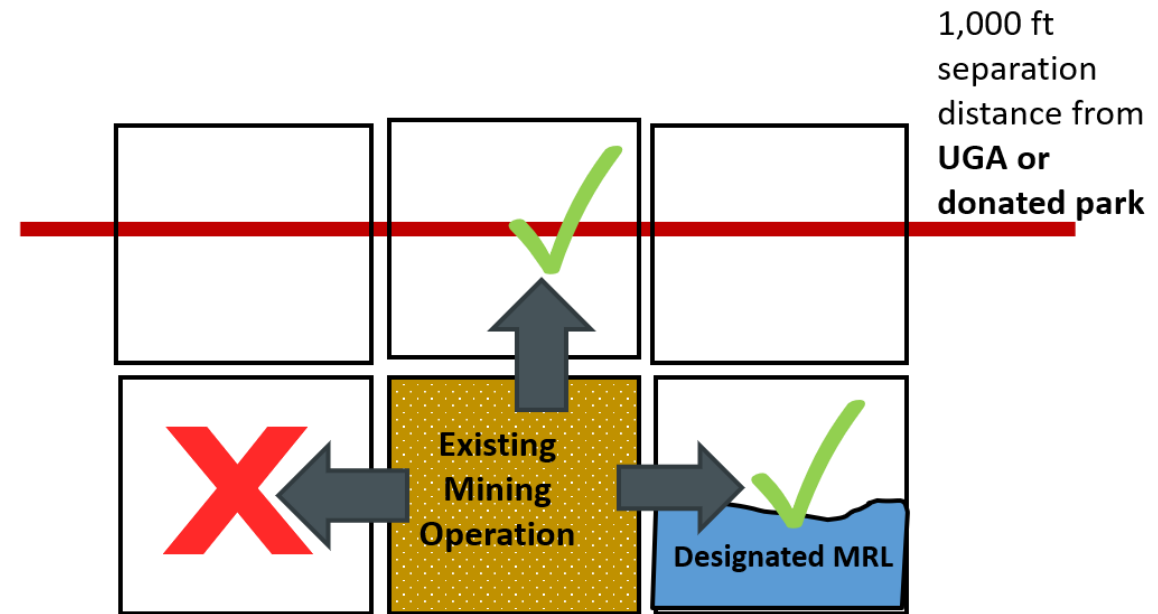
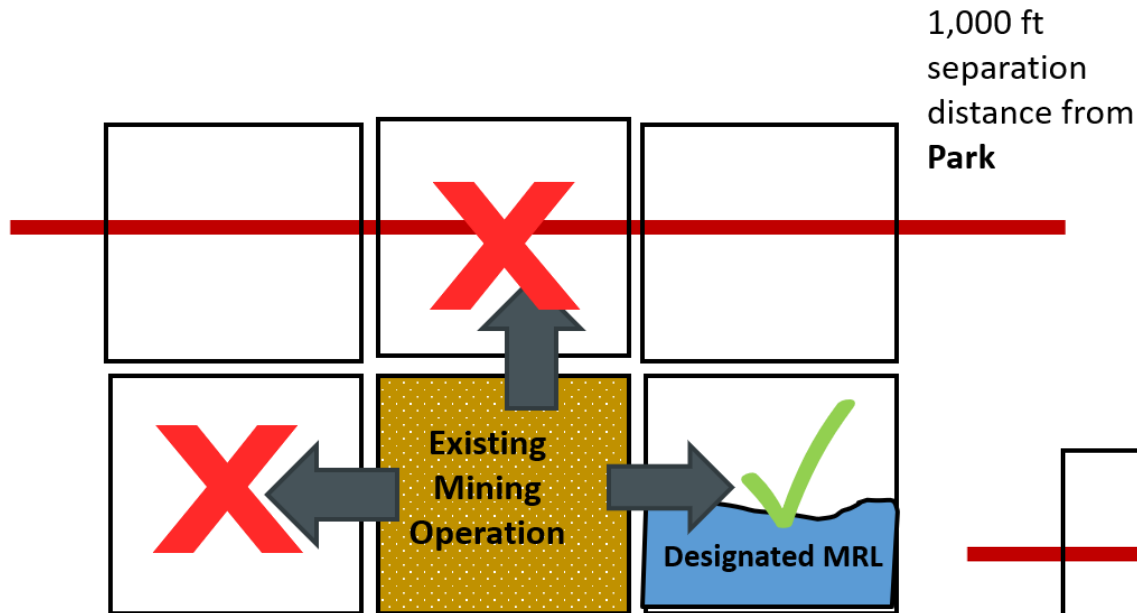
## New mine



# WHAT WOULD A MODIFIED OPTION D-I LOOK LIKE?

## Option D-I (MODIFIED as suggested in comment):

Only allows expansion  
on designated parcels  
(MODIFIED) except for  
when a park is donated  
by an operator, or its  
1,000 ft from UGA



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Decision E - Designation at the Site Level	Considerations		Written Comments
	Ease of Implementation	Flexibility to Industry	
<b>E-1</b> Double-threshold designation (0.25 acres and 5%), allowing into the 1,000 feet from UGAs and parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Challenging to implement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some flexibility</li> </ul>	115/130 - <u>modified</u> (88%)
<b>E-2 (PC Recommendation)</b> If any portion is designated, the whole parcel is considered "designated" for permitting purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Straightforward to implement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most flexibility</li> </ul>	5/130 (4%)
<b>E-3</b> The entire parcel must be mapped to be permitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Straightforward to implement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Least flexibility</li> </ul>	0



# SUMMARY OF DECISION POINTS FOR LONG-TERM FORESTRY

Decision F – Long Term Forestry	Written Comments
<b>F-1</b> Make no change to any of the 7 parcels. Leave the Long-Term Forestry designated, land use, and zoning as is.	0
<b>F-2 (PC Recommendation, all 7 parcels)</b> Amend the land use and associated zoning of any or all of the seven parcels (0-173.52 acres) from Long-Term Forestry to Rural Residential Resource 1/5, and respectively remove from the Long-Term Forestry designation.	0

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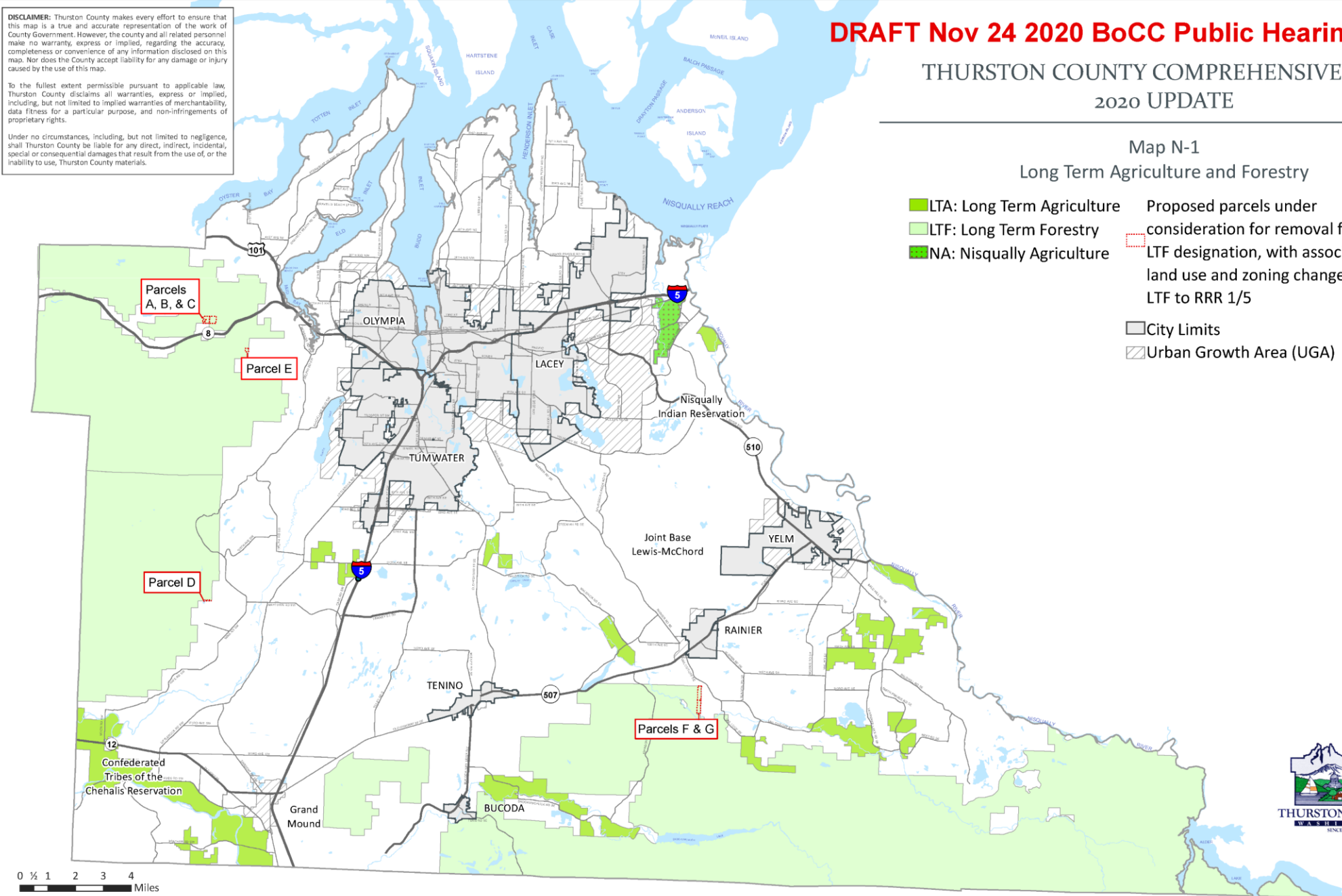
Map N-1  
Long Term Agriculture and Forestry

- LTA: Long Term Agriculture
- LTF: Long Term Forestry
- NA: Nisqually Agriculture
- Proposed parcels under consideration for removal from LTF designation, with associated land use and zoning changes from LTF to RRR 1/5
- City Limits
- Urban Growth Area (UGA)

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# OPTIONS FOR NEXT STEPS

- Direct staff which options to include in the final Comprehensive Plan and resolution. (*Direction requested by 12/9*)

## Option 1

Direct staff to move forward all proposed amendments, and direct which options (A, C, D, E, F)

### Action on December 15, 2020

- Adoption of 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update (*continuing items*), with Rochester Subarea Plan and (if directed) RAP

## Option 2

Direct staff to move forward all but mineral lands amendments (provide direction on Option F)

### December 15, 2020

- Adoption of forestry, parks, and health elements

### 2021

- Continued review of mineral lands element, additional research or stakeholder meetings

## Option 3

Direct staff delay entire 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update until 2021.

### 2021

- Continued review of mineral lands, forestry, parks and health elements. Additional research or stakeholder meetings, Board meetings, and final action end of 2021.

# Questions?

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